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SAVE THIS SUPPLEMENT.

This supplement to the DEMOCRAT of this week will be well worth laying away for future reference. While the state map, on the reverse side, is not a late one it is still an accurate map of Kansas, showing the counties, the principle cities and towns, railroads, rivers, streams, etc. The map of the county herewith given, is of greater local importance, as it locates the principal items of interest to us. Only a part of the lands for the big lake have been so far condemned—possibly as much as will be required for the enterprise. If the courts can properly adjust the differences between the land owners and lake people, the water will be turned into the basin in a few weeks.

In addition to the maps herewith given, the statistics concerning crops, population, etc., which we herein give will be of great interest to every person living here or interested in the county.

In preparing this matter we have only in mind the desire to tell to our own people and to the world at large some of the things we are proud of, and to prove to our readers that the DEMOCRAT is the only live, up-to-date-and-always-awake paper published in Great Bend—for \$1.00 a year, 50 cents for six months or sample copies free for the asking.

A FEW LAND SALES.

While the DEMOCRAT publishes the real estate transfers each week, taking, personally, from the records of the Register of Deeds of Barton County, the names of the grantors and grantees, description of lands or lots, and the amount paid therefor, a summary of the totals for the last three months and a half may be interesting to our readers.

Most of these purchases of Barton county real estate have been made by residents of the county, as will be seen by the weekly statements. Most of the transfers are of farm lands, although there is becoming a more lively movement in town lots.

The business for the months of March, April, May, and the first two weeks in June shows up as follows, in round dollars:

Month ending March 30th, 1900..... \$ 68,580.
Month ending April 25th, 1900..... 91,450.
Month ending May 25th, 1900..... 58,270.
Two weeks ending June 8, 1900..... 29,057.

Total, 3 1/2 months..... \$ 148,297.

Thus it will be seen that Barton county lands and town lots to the value of nearly a quarter of a million dollars have been purchased during the last three and a half months.

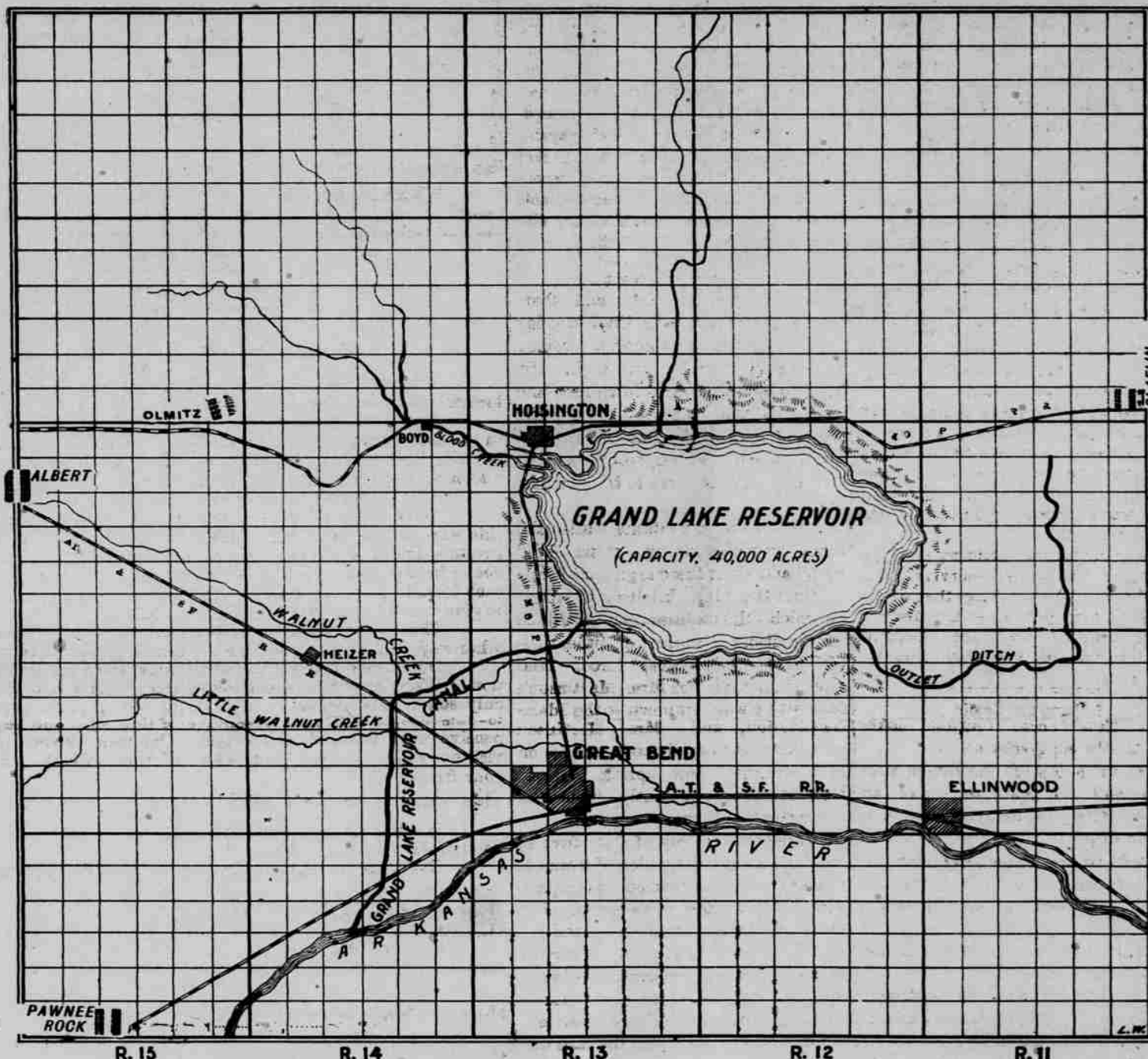
In many instances prices paid for lands are near one-third higher than the land could have been bought for a year ago.

When the present wheat crop is harvested there will be more lively times in the real estate market; and when the water is turned into the Cheyenne Lake land values all over the county will increase. And it will not be a speculative "boom"—none of that old-time foolishness will afflict our people again. The lands will be more valuable, and will be recognized so by the sturdy farmers who, through the long years they have bobbed up and down on the tide of fate, have maintained a firm faith in the stability of Barton county soil.

SOME INTERESTING STATISTICS OF BARTON COUNTY'S AGRICULTURAL INTERESTS.

FOLLOWING is an abstract of the statistical rolls of Barton county; compiled to March 1, 1900, by the various township assessors, giving the most important statistics of farms, products of agriculture, population etc. Add the amount of lands fenced and unfenced to get the total acres in each township. The townships of Homestead, Cheyenne and Comanche are 6x12 miles; Lakin township 6x10 miles; Great Bend township 6x8 miles; the balance of the townships 6x6 miles, square.

Townships, City and Towns.	Total Population.	Acres Under Fence.	Not Under Fence.	Val. Farms & Improvements.	Val. Impl. m's and Machinery.	Acres in Winter Wheat.	Acres in Corn.	Acres in Barley.	Acres in Oats.	Acres in Sorghum.	Acres in Kaffir Corn.	Bu. Corn on hand March 1 '00.	Bu. Wheat on hand March 1 '00.	Tons Wild Hay in '99.	Val. Poultry & Eggs sold '99.	Lbs. Hides & Fat by families '99.	Val. Stock fattened in '99.
Albion.....	304	9 561	9 065	\$191 700	\$4 172	8 900	1 438	321	178	179	455	400	.....	786	\$2 847	11 860	\$5 590
Beaver.....	361	9 730	11 280	208 375	4 580	9 360	1 924	719	7	252	52	4 930	.....	5 773	445	4 025	9 985
Buffalo.....	559	11 407	6 486	306 100	4 074	9 173	1 110	742	249	397	287	6 200	.....	25 340	856	3 927	6 385
Clarence.....	305	13 175	7 935	116 200	5 754	12 895	687	318	251	543	121	12 125	.....	19 880	556	2 920	7 850
Cleveland.....	346	9 875	9 696	112 600	3 956	9 305	1 232	280	19	260	156	2 400	.....	2 425	859	2 018	11 080
Cheyenne.....	607	13 275	14 275	266 000	8 230	9 135	1 909	443	88	331	95	1 700	.....	7 464	1 329	3 995	8 140
Comanche.....	691	17 461	15 718	171 800	4 618	11 511	779	656	97	384	43	44 550	.....	15 025	1 294	3 655	25 045
Eureka.....	312	8 125	8 318	158 800	4 383	10 925	897	634	167	223	185	1 105	.....	14 125	672	2 103	6 625
Fairview.....	321	7 844	6 660	161 400	5 291	9 707	1 090	418	33	271	357	700	.....	7 305	559	1 990	16 625
Grant.....	330	4 963	10 838	191 905	2 591	7 042	1 475	386	182	331	76	1 700	.....	3 875	2 048	1 710	9 040
Great Bend.....	390	17 745	15 990	274 100	9 330	14 185	1 579	387	50	43	258	463	.....	450	1 007	2 137	4 110
Homestead.....	411	9 463	6 539	288 600	6 335	12 390	1 234	642	210	248	733	3 330	.....	3 875	2 048	1 710	9 040
Lakin.....	340	12 091	6 314	456 000	11 395	18 593	1 915	784	133	175	161	12 731	.....	10 000	796	3 011	8 950
Liberty.....	472	5 269	12 901	284 500	8 880	10 577	1 644	370	78	139	376	14 691	.....	9 255	787	4 999	18 456
Logan.....	459	15 634	3 937	231 110	4 153	13 385	501	112	56	398	111	3 890	.....	5 080	968	3 060	225
Pawnee Rock.....	343	4 300	18 366	222 500	5 790	8 554	2 336	67	25	274	93	10 090	.....	6 345	189	3 330	7 040
South Bend.....	402	5 926	12 542	138 300	4 825	7 508	1 769	567	166	105	404	31 450	.....	7 925	1 335	1 410	11 025
Union.....	288	3 505	10 589	244 510	11 265	10 441	1 082	659	191	199	334	4 938	.....	4 850	671	1 794	7 340
Walnut.....	579	6 737	14 622	202 500	7 495	11 877	1 175	666	267	469	169	6 085	.....	12 794	239	3 175	4 189
Wheatland.....	385	6 030	14 182	77 600	1 660	3 069	453	189	70	191	249	1 415	.....	3 225	886	2 350	10 165
Great Bend City, 2 495		2 325	4 496					187	10	6	160	135	.....	.....	1 613	4 860	285
Town of Ellinwood 734					175			30	35	.....	.....	1 000	.....	.....	.....	.....	285
Town of Homestead 796	69		51	720	1 165	445	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	65	100	.....
Town of Pawnee Rock 307				36 777	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	500	.....	.....	135	945	.....
Town of Clifton 225				.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total in Co. 13 179		210 374	236 583	\$4 902 097	\$138 242	258 974	32 649	9 744	2 542	5 340	5 585	172 699	181 304	17 864	\$64 563	202 736	\$95 618



Sectional Map of Barton County, Kansas, Showing Principal Towns, the Railroads, Streams, Grand Lake Reservoir Irrigation Canal (200 feet wide and 14 miles long) and the Natural Storage Basin, covering 40,000 acres, where the Largest Artificial Lake in America—The Grand Lake Reservoir—will be constructed. (See report of condemnation board, elsewhere in this paper.)

"OUT IN BARTON."

The editor of the Wichita Star visited Great Bend recently, and last week he had the following to say of some of the things he found out "out in Barton":

The Star man was out in Barton county last week. No spot of the Great American Desert blossoms more like the rose than does this favored portion. From one corner to the other, it is one big wheat field, every foot of it promising a tremendous yield. No county in the state has a larger wheat acreage according to size, and a crop of between 4,000,000 and 5,000,000 bushels is confidently expected from the harvest that is approaching.

Barton county has been raising good wheat for several years and everything shows signs of prosperity. It is a land of fine farm houses and big red barns. Its towns are all thrifty looking, and the merchants all wear an air of satisfaction, good clothes, a bank book and a smile.

We can give an idea how the people of Barton county are fixed

by relating, in substance, a bit of conversation between a friend of ours and a Barton county man at a Great Bend hotel dinner table. Our friend, in order to be agreeable, asked his host how he came to board at the hotel when he was supposed to be a farmer. The man modestly replied that he was a bachelor and had to board somewhere.

"Which way is your farm?" "Well my main farm is southwest of town, but my other two are northwest of here."

"I suppose you have in some wheat?"

"Yes, about 700 acres."

This surprised our friend but he caught his breath and continued questioning.

"How much did you get for your wheat this year?"

"Well, the fact is, I haven't sold it yet. I had my own granary, and didn't need the money, and so I waited for a better price, but I will have to let it go to make room for my new crop."

"How much old wheat have you on hand?"

"About 7,000 bushels."

After expressing some surprise at the general "fixedness" of Barton County folks our friend, who is a crank on the subject of fine cattle said: "I don't suppose anybody out here has got any of these big red cattle, Herefords?"

"Why, yes," replied the man, "there are several herds in the county. I've got a few myself."

"Not registered thorough-breds?"

"Yes mine are good cattle."

"Well, I want you to take me out and see them."

They talked cattle through all the courses, and in the evening drove out to see the Herefords. When our friend returned he was in raptures over what he had seen. "Why," said he "that man has some of the finest cattle I ever saw. He has a herd of fifty animals that are worth from \$100 to \$500. I offered him \$300 cash for a 2 year old heifer, and he wouldn't touch it."

Barton county is all right. It is out of debt and did not have to make any tax levy this year because it had money enough on

hand to pay its running expenses. Land sells for more money than does the land in this county.

We are informed the gold craze has again broken out in Trego. W. J. Richardson sold a half section of land to Mr. Gay, of Topeka, for \$2,400—\$800 down and the balance later. Riley Page sold his timber claim for \$600. We hope that these gold seekers will go to work and let this world know how rich Trego really is in the "yellow" metal.—Wakeeney World.

The fellow who boards with the farmer a few days, pretending to want to work in the harvest field, then skips out before the work commences is the worst kind of a bum. All such ought to have their ears slit or be marked some way so that all would know them as professional dead beats. Some of that kind of fellows have been in the county the past week.

Those who bought it say that all the wheat in this county from seed ordered from August Garling is looking fine. Mr. Garling is prepared to fill orders for new seed again this fall.

Tell your neighbor of the good things you find in this paper; and he may hand in a dollar on subscription, and thus help us to gather up more good things.

THE DEMOCRAT, one dollar.

CHEYENNE LAKE APPRAISEMENT.

Following is an abstract of the report of the Board of Condemnation Commissioners for the Cheyenne lake, filed with the county clerk June 4, 1900. The board is composed of Fred Moore, Great Bend, C. D. Montgomery, Clifton, and D. W. Linder, Hoisington, all well known farmers of the county.

The valuations given include all the improvements on the lands. Most of the lands are considered by the general public as practically worthless, as they are swampy, flat, and uninhabitable.

Among the condemned lands is some good tillable land however, notably on the lower or east side of the bottoms.

An appeal to the district court, is this week being made, from the appraisal of the board, by many of the land owners, and that court will be called upon to decide as to the justness of the valuations.

Following are the names of the owners, the amount of land, in acres, condemned, and the appraised value of the same:

OWNER OF LAND.	NO. OF ACRES.	APPRAISED VAL.
Meiberry & Verry.....	960	\$ 890 00
United States.....	2,240	14 00
Arthur McGroarty.....	180	10 00
McLean Land & Investment Co. 4,235 1/2		1,494 70
Anna E. Welch.....	330	85 00
Otto Albricht.....	640	40 00
J. R. Hays.....	160	125 00
J. H. Fitch.....	160	160 00
A. B. Names.....	160	57 00
Mary C. Names.....	160	182 00
C. N. Stortz.....	1,340	318 20
Con. M. E. Church of Vt.....	160	50 00
Geo. M. Noble.....	160	50 00
H. J. Webber.....	160	50 00
Bessie Linder.....	160	50 00
D. O. Gray.....	160	251 00
J. H. Long.....	160	319 20
J. D. Knox Inv. Co.....	160	137 00
A. Bechtel.....	160	62 80
Albert Spencer.....	160	312 80
E. F. Verry.....	800	346 00
D. Copley.....	160	1 00
Lincoln University.....	160	1 00
Mary McCabe.....	160	5 00
Emma Larkin.....	160	15 00
H. Merriam.....	240	224 00
Wm. Hainster.....	160	30 00
E. S. Meiberry.....	800	304 00
W. A. Verry.....	800	547 00
J. W. Hoge.....	160	120 00
J. G. Larkin.....	160	264 00
D. Dickerson.....	160	50 00
H. L. Bashaw.....	640	650 00
State of Kansas.....	640	4 00
Louis Seile.....	160	25 00
Teresa Feist.....	160	25 00
C. W. Moore.....	1,120	290 00
S. Kinzel.....	160	341 80
John Beran.....	160	250 00
Henrietta M. Marquis.....	160	75 00
Billy Anna Bemis.....	160	306 00
Edward Stanley.....	160	60 00
Geo. J. Klein.....	160	50 00
Harvey.....	640	104 30
J. V. Brinkman.....	1,760	531 00
Jacob Dethempele.....	160	50 00
Joseph Klein.....	320	598 00
J. H. Cook.....	35	10 50
North American Inv. Co.....	64	20 00
John and Minnie Westman.....	64	20 00
T. J. Greene.....	80	200 00
Noble C. Bailey.....	80	50 00
(Vacant).....	80	212 00
Chas. Moore.....	400	300 00
Joseph Hanauke.....	160	550 00
Anna Moeder.....	160	180 00
Jane Bortz.....	160	264 00
Franceska Ambrose.....	160	150 00
John Schulte.....	400	1,400 00
John Ehly.....	80	260 00
Andrew Roth.....	80	260 00
Fred Tremeyer.....	240	780 00
M. Welkert.....	80	260 00
Aug. Bortz.....	80	1,222 00
Fred Bhrappel.....	240	1,574 00
Alfred Stanley.....	160	736 00
J. B. Stanley.....	80	416 00
Total.....	25,900 1/2	\$19,820 50

Piety—true piety—is all right; but a pious loafer is the very worst kind, as professors of piety from that kind of a blot in humanity but serves to cast a reflection upon honest and worthy piety.

Cottonwood trees are rapid growing, and make a good shade in a short time but when the season comes for them to shed their cotton we wish they had never been invented.

HOTEL FOR RENT—Good 14 room house at Olmitz, the only hotel in town to rent by the month. Call on or write to Wm. L. Mauler, proprietor, Olmitz, Kansas.

How much nicer those new, vitrified brick walks would look if the rank growth of weeds on each side of them was cut down.

"Be good, my son," the father said, "although the road be thorny; some day you may be president, or a contraction in the army."

For Sale at a Bargain. A threshing outfit, 16 horse-power engine, 35-58 Separator, Parson Self-feeder; only used the past two seasons. Enquire at the Great Bend Implement Co.

O. W.

And who is he, do you say?
He's the man who

Dawson, Real

Sells Lands, Pay

Taxes, Writes

Insurance. Call

Estate & Loan Agent.

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